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Dear Mr. Schultz:

Thank you for your letter of April 12th transmitting the position paper from the five counties involved in the Southeast Wisconsin Care Management Organization planning consortium. The position paper presents the various issues we know need to be addressed so that counties across the state can move forward with confidence in planning for Family Care expansion.

Efforts are underway to address each of these issues:

- Chuck Wilhelm, Director of the Bureau of Long-Term Support, is directing a detailed review of several counties to analyze the extent to which COP/CIP/Waiver funds support county programs, including adult protective services, Chapter 51/55 responsibilities, and county administrative costs. Other counties are invited to submit their own analyses to Chuck.
- Donna McDowell, Director of Bureau on Aging and Disability Resources is working with our Office of Strategic Finance to update the cost model used in budgeting for Aging and Disability Resource Centers. ADRCs are to be supported with state and federal funds.
- Office of Strategic Finance and Division of Disability and Elder Services staff are working on developing ways to identify more precisely the amount of the county funding currently supporting long-term care.
- The Office of Strategic Finance is working on incorporating the effect of Family Care expansion on Economic Support as a factor for consideration in our Family Care cost model.

As these efforts produce results, we expect to work closely with Craig Thompson of the Wisconsin Counties Association and with the Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association to develop the specifics of what will be expected from counties as Family Care expansion occurs. Our timetable is to have proposals for discussion by June.

We continue to be very pleased that all but 10 counties are actively engaged in planning efforts. We will continue to work with you to make those efforts successful.

Sincerely,

Helene Nelson
Secretary